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E.O. 11652: GDWD

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SUBJ: LARNACA SITUATION

1. EMBOFF VISITED LARNACA ON CONSULAR BUSINESS AUG. 8 (SEPTTEL).
TURKISH SECTION ONLY LIGHTLY DAMAGED; WITH NO INDICATION OF
HOUSE-TO-HOUSE FIGHTING. HEAD TURK CYPRIOT DOCTOR TOLD
EMBOFF THERE ONLY SEVEN FATALITIES RESULTING FROM FIGHTING.
LOCAL LEADERS STATED THERE LITTLE LOOTING AND THIS MOSTLY
CONFINED TO OUTLYING AREAS FROM WHICH PEOPLE RETREATED TO
CENTER OF TOWN.

2. TMT LEADER TOLD EMBOFF HE SURRENDERED BECAUSE OF LACK
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OF AMMO. EXTREMELY BITTER OVER ABSENCE TURKISH AIR SUPPORT

OR ANY EFFORT RESUPPLY. CLAIMED HE WAS INTERROGATED FOR SIX HOURS AT GUNPOINT IN ATTEMPT DISCOVER "SECRET TMT ARMS DUMPS. REPLIED HE WOULD HAVE CONTINUED FIGHTING HAD THESE EXISTED.

3. "SEVERAL HUNDRED" PEOPLE STILL INCARCERATED IN ARTEMIS ROAD SCHOOLS UNDER UNFICYP PROTECTION. ACCORDING TURK CYPRIOTS, DETAINEES LARGELY MIXED BAG: INCLUDES TMT FIGHTERS AND 80- YEAR OLD HOCA. CIVILIANS GRADUALLY BEING RELEASED. TALKED TO ONE U.S. PERM RESIDENT WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED FOR TEN DAYS-- SAID HE WELL TREATED. LOCALS IN GENERAL GAVE HIGH PRAISE TO AUSTRIAN CONTINGENT FOR CONTINUING PROVIDE PROTECTION IN TURK CYPRIOT AREAS.

4. FROM CURSORY TOUR, EOKA-B TYPES WOULD APPEAR TO BE IN CONTROL OF LARNACA. POLICE LARGELY CONFINED TO STATION, SQUADS OF LONG-HAIRED SEMI-MILITARY GARBED YOUNG THUGS RACING AROUND TOWN IN COMMANDEERED VEHICLES WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POKING OUT OF WINDOWS. THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED ROAD BLOCKS ON ALL POINTS OF ENTRY TO CITY.

5. COMMENT: ON RETURN NICOSIA, EMBOFF REPORTED RELATIVE WELL-BEING TURK CYPRIOTS IN LARNACA TO TURKISH EMBASSY AND LOCAL LEADERSHIP. BOTH WERE ALMOST TOTALLY DISINTERESTED IN WELFARE OF THEIR COMPATRIOTS TO THE SOUTH AND APPEARED DISAPPOINTED THAT PLIGHT NOT SEVERE ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY PROPAGANDISTIC BLAST. THIS LACK OF INTEREST PARTICULARLY STRIKING IN THAT NEITHER EMBASSY NOR TCPA HAS HAD ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH LARNACA SINCE OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING.
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